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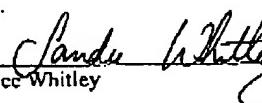
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RESPONSE

Madam:

Applicants thank the Examiner for her thorough review of the pending application. In response to the Office Action of May 24, 2005 and the Advisory Action dated November 2, 2005 and in connection with a Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

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